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abnormal when compared with the statistics published by the Government themselves and on a comparison with some other places. It is the abnormal inattention on the part of the Government that is responsible for this state of affairs and not the abnormal rate of child-birth. Under these circumstances will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that proper accommodation is given to the mothers going to the Women's Hospital at Kozhikode? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have visited that hospital myself more than once and maternity cases seem to be lying there all over the place in large numbers. I do not understand why this particular hospital alone should be overcrowded with so many women who come for confinement."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the answer given by the Hon. Minister is only an excuse for the Government not doing anything for Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have already stated what is being proposed to be done."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the answers given by the Hon. Minister, will he be pleased to consider the question of strengthening the staff and appoint more midwives and maternity assistants so that they can go to the houses of these mothers and assist them in child-birth? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The employment of midwives and maternity assistants and opening of maternity centres are the concern of the local boards, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that there is neither septic tank nor flushout latrines in the hospital and whether Government have any proposals to remedy this? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

(* 219 Q.—Postponed for answer on 14th December 1954.)

Supply of electricity to South Kanara district from Mysore State.

* 220 Q.—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the point of supply of electric power from Mysore State to South Kanara district is expected to be ready;

(b) at what stage the construction of the electric lines and stations in South Kanara stands; and

(c) the approximate date when they will be ready to take supply?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) The present indications are that the Government of Mysore may be able to make bulk supply of Jog power

available at the point of supply near Hulikal by October 1956. Mysore have been addressed to give the supply much earlier.

" (b) All the materials required have been ordered and most of them are at site. Erection of towers on the Hulikal-Mangalore 110 K.V. line has been nearly completed, while about one quarter of the work of stringing of lines has been done. Work on the sub-station is expected to be taken up shortly. Work on the Hiriadka-Udipi 33 K.V. line is also in progress.

" (c) By the middle of 1955."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" We understand from the reply of the Hon. Minister that the supply would be received in the month of October 1956. In the meanwhile unless some village electrification schemes are also included under the scheme and work is proceeded with immediately, when the supply comes, South Kanara district would not be able to make use of the supply fully. In view of this will the Government consider the question of including the extension of village electrification scheme to South Kanara district also? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, I shall certainly take note of the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Number of elementary school teachers benefited by the modified scheme of elementary education.

* 221 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of elementary school teachers benefited by way of increment in their salaries on account of the modified elementary education scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No teacher was benefited by way of increment to his salary consequent on the introduction of the modified scheme of Elementary Education. But while examining the scheme the Parulekar Committee recommended, the elementary school teachers' pay should be increased consistent with the financial position of the Government. The Government accordingly decided to grant Rs. 3 to the Higher Elementary and Secondary Grade teachers in aided schools. The number of elementary school teachers benefited are roughly 36,000 Higher Elementary Grade trained and 9,000 Secondary Grade trained teachers."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சார், சர்க்காரால் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்ட இந்த மூன்று ரூபாய் உயர்வு எல்லா உபாத்தியாயர்களுக்கும் கிடைப்பதில்லை என்று ஏதாவது சில பள்ளிக்கூடங்களிலிருந்து சர்க்காருக்குப் புகார் வந்திருக்கிறதா ? அப்படி வந்திருந்தால் aided பள்ளிக்கூடங்களிலுள்ள உபாத்தியாயர்களுக்கு நேரடியாக சம்பளம் வழங்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ? "